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09TRIPOLI134	2009-02-11 10:39	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Tripoli

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SUBJECT: AL-QADHAFI'S AFRICAN UNION: OBSTACLES TO SUCCESS,
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT REF: A. A. TRIPOLI 70 B. 08 FREETOWN 604 C. C. MONROVIA 13 D. D. TRIPOLI 37 E. E. 08 TRIP

CLASSIFIED BY: John T. Godfrey, PolEcon Chief. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

1. (C) Summary: Muammar al-Qadhafi's election as Chairman of the African Union represents the culmination of a decade's worth of work by the "THE KING OF KINGS" ENTERS THE SCENE ...

2. (C) Cast as an attempt to frame him as the popular choice of ordinary Africans, al-Qadhafi's flashy entrance to the AU Summit with a retinue A DECADE IN THE MAKING

3. (C) After more than a decade of work, Muammar al-Qadhafi's election as Chairman of the African Union for 2009 represents a significant poli

4. (C) Al-Qadhafi's shift from pan-Arabism (he started life as an ardent Nasserite) to pan-Africanism came into full flower during his years c WHAT PRICE AFRICA?

5. (C) While Libya's campaign for the AU chairmanship has been years in the making, its "dinar diplomacy" accelerated in 2008 and expanded to WHAT MIGHT IT MEAN?

6. (C) If history and Libya's relationships with the West are any guide, al-Qadhafi's chairmanship is likely to be long on rhetoric and grand TENSION BETWEEN FOREIGN POLICY ADVENTURISM & DOMESTIC REALITIES

7. (C) Al-Qadhafi's stated goals for Africa - a common army, currency, and passport - are at odds with some of Libya's domestic interests and WELCOME HOME CEREMONY FOR THE KING OF KINGS

8.) At a February 10 mass "welcome home" ceremony in a huge tent at his compound, attended by the traditional African tribal kings, the dipl

9. (C) Comment: While al-Qadhafi's tenure as AU chairman will doubtless feature flamboyant costumes and equally colorful statements decrying w CRETZ